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COUNTRY: Rumania and U.S.S.R.

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1. Soviet Troops in Braila and Reni

2. Rumanian Troops in Turnu Severin, Turnul Magurele, Giurgiu and Braila

EVALUATION 25X1

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Soviet Troops.

1. On 22 and 23 March and 30 April 1952, Braila (R 55/Z 13) was occupied by Soviet troops. A two-story building, which was located in a dead end street south of Strada Republicii, was guarded by a Soviet sentry. About 20 Soviet officers were seen entering and leaving the installation. They had red-bordered black collar patches and tank insignia on their coats. Soviet soldiers were repeatedly seen in the streets.

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2. On 28 March 1952, Soviet soldiers who wore black epaulets were quartered on large farms in Reni (R 55/Z 45).

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Rumanian Troops.

3. On 15 March 1952, a barracks installation on Strada de Stalin was occupied by Rumanian troops in Turnu Severin (R 23/24/E 98). The barracks installation apparently consisted of two three-story buildings, an officers' club and about 30 low wooden buildings. It housed a border guard unit.

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The installation also quartered numerous soldiers with red unbordered epaulets, red collar patches and red-banded service caps. Many soldiers had a brass letter E on their epaulets. The officers had red epaulets with golden longitudinal stripes and golden stars. A radio station was near the cemetery near Strada Cicerone. Two iron trolly masts about 35 meters high and about 60 meters apart were seen. They were guarded by two Rumanian sentries. (3)

4. On 9 April 1952, two officers with blue collar patches and blue service caps with red band were seen in Turnul Magurele (R 33/34/G 66).

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5. Rumanian border guard personnel wearing green epaulets were seen in Giurgiu (R 43/44/H 58) on 3 April 1952.

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6. On 22 and 23 March and 30 April 1952, Braila was also occupied by Rumanian troops. A three-story barracks installation, about 100 meters from the quay on the south side of Strada Imperatul Traian, was occupied by soldiers wearing black epaulets. Some of them wore the insignia of a crossed spade and hammer on their epaulets. Diagonally across from this installation was a two-story building which was occupied by soldiers wearing red epaulets. Soldiers wearing black epaulets were located in a two-story building on a street which paralleled Strada Imperatul Traian on the south. (6)

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[] Comments.

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- (1) It is known from previous reports that Braila is occupied by Soviet troops. Although it was not possible to identify units, it is believed that a Soviet tank division or mechanized division is stationed in eastern Rumania. []

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- (2) The troops mentioned were either engineers or soldiers of signal units. []

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- (3) The 9th Border Guard Regt in I. Severin is confirmed. Infantry and artillery units are apparently also stationed in the town.

- (4) Probably officers of the Militia as these officers wear blue uniforms and blue visored service caps with red band.

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- (5) Rumanian border troops in Giurgiu were previously reported. []

- (6) Rumanian engineer units are known to have been stationed in the town since November 1950.

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